***The Tao of Pooh* Argument Prompt**

As a class, we have challenged whether Taoism is applicable to our day and age as Benjamin Hoff puts forth in *The Tao of Pooh*. How do we apply Taoism today? Is it possible? If so, how? If not, then why not? In your essay, you must tackle these questions using evidence from the book as well as your own experiences. You must firmly and effectively support your claims and analyze at least three of the following major themes of Taoism in *The Tao of Pooh*:  
  
• The Uncarved Block  
• Inner Nature vs. Cleverness  
• Wu Wei  
• Bisy Backson  
• The Great Nothing

**Argument Notes:**

**What is an Argument?**

**Key Terms for Argumentation**

**Claim** –

**Counterclaim** –

**Rebuttal** –

**Support** –

**Refute** –

**Qualify** –